

^{This is a little better than a log but I have been}
A log I started and wrote out over again -
^{also corrected spelling so please don't show this to}
Sunday Jan. 16 1897 - ^{any body}

The ship Argonne sailed from New York for
San Francisco Thursday Jan. 13 1897 with
Arthur L. Hill aboard. it being my first trip
I decided to keep a log or in other words just
mention things that happened on the voyage.
The ship sailed from pier 19 East river N.Y. at
12.30 the crew having come aboard about 12.
and some of them were feeling way up in ls.
Fred Jones the other boys and myself had a
room to ourselves and worked quite hard fixing
it up so it would look a little home like.
there being a good fair wind we lost sight of
land about supper time then the two mates
chose watches and the first mate was lucky
enough to get me. I thought so he being the
best of the two. The port watch in which I was
chosen went on at eight o'clock and then "turned
in" at twelve and out at four and so on every
four hours. they kept me working pulling ropes
and washing decks, steering in which I am an

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~~artist~~ and at night my hands were so sore that
 I could not even touch anything. Friday night we
 had quite a hard time and night the wind increased
 into a gale and we had to take in sails. The sea
 coming all over her, I ^{was} ~~was~~ the whole length of
 the deck and caught hold of a pair of steps just in time.
 I began to get a little frightened then and had a
 rope end in my hand all night. The sailors were
 taken off their feet too but they all laughed at me
 and said "Wait until you get down to the horn" and
 then see how you like it. There was not much of
 anything to mention the first week we had a
 good fair wind and in a week I was in my thin
 clothes. I got on the right side of the cook and I
 got some cabin food every day pie, pudding, butter sugar
 and fresh meat. ~~The other boy does not get any of these~~
~~things~~ he is not liked by anybody even the Capt.
 told me to look out for my things as he was
 caught stealing in the cabin twice in the night
 and now they tie his hands every night. He
 is a boy eighteen years old as large as I and I.

think he ran away from home he did not
 have a thing except what he had on, he began
 using my things until I gave him a good
 punching he went to the mate the next
 morning with a black eye and the mate told
 him he was glad of it and that would teach
 him to leave things alone. two days after that
 he had a fit and did not come out of it for
 a half hour so you see I have got a fine
 com-mate. The second week we saw two
 whales a ship and a shark. the weather is
 fine almost to hot and I have not been coughed
 once getting so strong that I do not mind the
 hard work go aloft every day just the same as
 the rest have not had any time to read or play
 but go to bed as soon as I go below but very home
 sick in the night because I cannot speak to
 any body, the Capt. spoke to me and called me
 Arthur and told me I was doing finely and
 I would make a sailor before we arrived if
 I kept on. Sunday Jan 30th did some

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washing and sewing and shaved, Sunday night
the crew went aft and all lined up and sent for
the Capt. I knew there was going to be trouble so I kept
out of sight but so I could hear, they wanted more to
eat the Capt. then put one sailor in irons who had
to runch to say and told them he would feed them by
law then they got mad and went to the galley and
had a fight with the cook he with a cleave and
the man with blaying knife but it did not amount
to anything. Monday the Capt. hit the man at the wheel
and I did not know the man the next day his face was
all out of shape.

Week ending Feb. 6th

We rounded the line Thursday Feb. 3 just three weeks out
and it has been very hot and squally and rain every day
in the week, passed the island of Fernando Noronha the
Pyramid Lat. S. 3-50-0 Long. W. 32-25-30 Friday quite near, can
see all the way from 2 to 6 or 8 ships every day, we shook
a human shik and asked to be reboiled Sat. Have had
lots of hard work during the week painting, rigging,
lively storming the decks with a mayer brook (so called)

Week ending Sunday Feb. 13.

This week we have made a very good run but to day we struck our first-calmer and I tell you it is bad - hot and raining I have gained I should say about five pounds although it has been my hardest work yet - the mate is getting very ugly and I will be glad when I get in port - and as I hear that Capt. D. is going home by rail you can bet I will stay in San Francisco until I can get home some other way I will not come back with St. Clair, he has to be somewhat good going out as he has some trouble in Mexico - he killed 2 men the last trip and kept out of eight - there has not been any think to speak of the last week work ship and try to get over my home sickness. The passenger is now trying to hook a shark over the stern. I do not have a soul to talk to and when I get on shore I suppose I will talk my self to death - my appetite is some thing excuse hungry all the time.

Lat $23^{\circ} 47' S$, course $S. 89^{\circ} \frac{1}{2} W.$

Monday Feb. 14

A fine day and a good fair wind weather
more comfortable. chained brass made sunnet +
rattings for mizzens, caught 20 tonnes that-filled
aboard, got ⁱⁿ my first trouble with mate (I have
to stand in the night watch on the forward end
of the poop deck and the mate on the afterpart and
when he gives an order I have to repeat to sailors
I situated wrong and got a "call down". got a
peek at the mates log and found we were in 24° 56'
South at noon. that is the only way to find out-
as they will not tell you, shok a steamer and
asked to be reported, sighted a derelict ship, in
tow of steamer, did a little washing, sewing and
took my clothes from cabin and aired them. about
most of the afternoon working on my shysack.
went in and called on the carpenter in the evening
cook came in after and had a game of chuckers.
Capt. asked me how I liked it and if I was over
being home sick. course S. S. W. 1/2 W.

Tuesday Feb. 15

Fine weather, fair wind, hot, worked on masts for fore-mast upper & lower top sail, gallant royal & skysail, the English steamer Buckley from Belfast Eng. with a deck load of sheep & cattle came so near as to talk to us we asked to be reported in the N.Y. Herald she was bound to London passed 2 ships 1 bark 1 steamer southern cross very bright at night, fine moon, mate caught me napping and made me wash the poop deck 2 hours. Lat. $26^{\circ}45'$ course S.W.

Wed. Feb. 16

Fine weather little wind, hot, shifted sails for rough weather showing that we are getting near the corner, oiled my oil skin, cook has got so far as to give me a little lunch every night for 12 o'clock, hands so large that I cannot get my ring on, washed my bed clothes, I have got so I know every rope now and go aloft just the same as a sailor and work do not holish brass or any of that now the other boy does that. Lat. $28^{\circ}-30'$

Thursday Feb. 17

Fine day and heavy wind. began lashing
 every thing down for rough weather. passed a
 passenger steamer last night bound for London. the
 weather is getting a little cooler. I have worn just
 a thin shirt & have a duck pants and a cap now
 for three weeks so you can see how hot it has been.
 the Capt. told me today that we have had a very
 quick passage so far and I hope we will have it
 all the rest of the way so I am here from home.
 the hardest thing I find us to keep awake in the
 night watch, but very strong and well tanned skin
 and hands all yellow & cracked with by tar. I
 am making a pair of slippers of canvas with
 rope yarn bottoms. Lat. 31° Long. 45 Course S. S. W. $\frac{1}{2}$ S.
 Friday Cloudy cool, heavy wind washed down
 decks & painted. spoke a bark "Hector" New Bedford
 and asked to be reported. worked on new fore &
 main shits wind increasing at time of writing
 starboard watch are taking in sails shifting heavily
 sea. Lat. 34° Long. 48 Course S. S. W. $\frac{1}{2}$ S.

Saturday Feb. 19 '98.

Our first storm, last night in my watch from 12 to 4 a heavy wind increased into a strong gale and we began taking in sails first all of the abysails, I went up and furled the mizzen and I tell you it took all my wind away, it was a great sight to look down on deck and see the sea breaking all over her it began to rain and got as dark as a pocket then came in all of the canvas on the mizzen except the lower top sail. and the fore & main each had the same sails every thing in my room is upside down got wet through to my skin in this night; the other boy Fred was frightened to death when he called me this morning he cried and said he wished he was home, I like every thing except the sea and any body has got to look out and get hold of something, she is a very "dirty" ship I lost most of my breakfast going from galley to room. sun came out at noon and at night at was fine only the heavy sea Lat. 37° Long 51° S.S.W.

Sunday Feb. 20, '98.

Rainy and very foggy dead calm keeping us shifting sails all the time. went harpooning porpoises over the bow last night (Sat.) with many species of fish all around making the sea very light beautiful sight at night. Capt. handed me a letter from Florence quatty surprised and very happy. There I mixed it light between sailors (annual Sunday row) and the sailors are making clothes and etc. for Klondike. fished for albatross, stewards told me I was looking like another boy fat + lots of color, strong, on lookout in afternoon watch with foggy horn "getting on" to things first sail heavy swell Lat. 38° Long 51° Course South-South-West $\frac{1}{2}$ west. wish I was home today very lonesome. sewing + washing.

Monday Feb. 21, '98.

Rainy, calm, foggy, tracing yards all day big squall 4 o'clock afternoon I harpooned the first porpoise weight about 150 lbs. & men to haul him in. rounded with lead 53 fath. cold wind at

6 o'clock, changed underclothes, I have been called "Uld Smeddorn" all day by sailors they thing a good deal of me and teach me everything but in new rigging to sail. carried away my skysail sheet. second mate came in my room and shook my starboard side and said "Art; you did well to catch the porpoise I have been to sea for almost 20 years and that is the first one I have ever seen on deck" he laid 1.50 lb. in N.J. of porpoise meat once, very fine food.

Lat. 40° Long. — Course S.S.E. Head wind Tuesday Feb. 22 98 (Washington's birthday) but no holiday here. awoke and found a fair day and a very heavy fair wind big sea washed decks, put a new halliards on main upper top-sail staysail overhauled the three skysails, served the flying jib sheet. shanked halliards carried away. a big French ship has been along side us all day but a night - we left her behind. she is bound around the

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Home also wears in the bad weather. Lat. near
it rains about everywhere have to wear oil skins
all day now. I was sent up to show a sailor
how to furl the main staysail by Capt. D. and
it made him awful mad he is bound for
Hondyke and has never been to sea before but
is pulling up a big bluff as a sailor. Home sick
all the time when below. Lat. 40° Long - C. S. S. W.

Wednesday Feb. 23

Fair day cool good wind ship still just
behind us heavy swell Lat. 42° Long. 59°

Thursday 24

Good day light wind no work in morning
except bracing sails all the time very tiresome
work afternoon lashing things on deck ship
still in sight looking every day for Sheward
Murphy a common dove full on deck, lots of
albatross around. very tired at night Lat. 44
study all the spare time I can get. Capt. or
mate do not help me a bit do not have
a word to say to each other dislike mate very

much he is a big brute although he has not
done me any harm.

Sunday Feb. 27

A fine day and a good fair wind and
much warmer

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and every thing that the rest of the men do I like to go
aloft because the mate can't pull you around so, I have
been very lucky about that, not being kicked, pushed or
told to hurry up in fact. I have been used very well
the other boy has got in in the neck every day and
has been very good about taking my things since
I gave him a licking. While on watch Wed. night
I found the mate bed on fire and went in and put
it out, the lamp exploded and it tickled me when
I was thankful for it. I got a little smoke and
also a nap often in the night watch but have my
care often for the mate's stuff. It has been my worst
week for homesickness since we have been out. The
Stewardess has passed me out a cake most every night
this week and I tell you I junk to do anything for her
the cabin boy and I came out on deck last night (Sat.)
with his violin and my banjo and played until we each
broke 2 strings. Sunday (today) is very hot and almost a
calm. washed my floor and painted in the morning from
5 to 6 o'clock went out to see a fight between two sailors,
breakfast, bath + shave, and I never felt so happy and so

surprised in my life as when the Capt. called me
 aft and said "Here is some thing to cheer you up my boy"
 and gave me a ^{fine} letter from Ruth now I tell you it was
 good in her and I will never forget it. I would like to
 see her and Florence here now. would like to be home
 today to go to church with you all and to see Dayton
 read his divine letter and also my prayer book mended 4
 hair of stockings and read a book. We are now shaking a ship
 and I will try and find out what they say. we are
 now at noon 6° 46' S. (fifteen min later.) I have just
 mailed a note to you on the ship — bound
 for Brazil somewhere. I could not find out where
 I had just a second to do it and so could not
 write more. it will let you know I am well
 anyway, after the excitement I had my hair
 cut short by a sailor who's done all that kind of
 work since day. we have had fine weather so
 far not a storm or calm and they think we
 will go around the head of this month.

From San Francisco to Honolulu.

Wednesday June 8 1898

We left the Coal, St. dock at 9.30 in the morning and anchored in the stream with the mate Mr. St. Clair, second mate Mr. Miller, Thos. Nelson and my self on board. in the afternoon the sailors came out in boats two at a time they are all beside of sailors and the starboard watch are all colored. I turned in at two in the afternoon and slept until six then I went on anchor watch alone all night, in the night about seven bells Capt. D. came out with a plate of cherries and a sandwich for me turned in at three bells. Thursday morning homesick.

Thursday June 9

I slept all day except for dinner, we had another boy join us today making three boys in my room and one in the forecabin the crew put all the sails that was down and washed ship. expect to sail to noon. I have got to stand watch alone again tonight.

Friday June 10

Slept all day until 10 when the second mate came out with the first mate with the Box a former second mate with Capt. D. a new fellow he worked up from a boy with him and when Capt. D. came aboard about 11. he gave us each some cigars and fruit.

Saturday June 11

Slept until 10, called and surprised to find us just going out of the harbor with sails set and tug just leaving, took watch until 1 o'clock dinner, I let quite big when the Capt. called me up and told me to take

Sailed
Friday
day.

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the three boys aloft and show them show
to overhaul buntlines, make up gaskets and
cut the ropes all over the ship they are under
my care now until they learn every thing.
The crew is not a good one as it was very
hard to get able seamen so they had to
take boys so it will be extra hard for me
this time, we lost sight of land about 5
o'clock with a very light wind and very
chilly.

Sunday June 12

1 day out

A pleasant day after raining most of
the night and all sails hoisting and
making the yards all day the water
rougher big sea bird and we had
lots of fun with Rags the dog and had
them played with each other all of the
afternoon, about from 8 to 10 my boys
please the colored sailors very much

Monday June 13

(2)

Foggy and cold morning watch scrubbed
paint worked in forenoon finished away
cloves in store room good wind all day calm
at night. Some sick as can be. read over
letters from home.

Tuesday June 14

(3)

Five day good wind morning watch scrubbed
paint but fully on the top of flour and bread
tanks. hung up bacon + hams about from 10 to
12.30 afternoon watch served a piece of iron
rope for foot of new top sail, the ship being
light she feels the swell very much. Laying
over very much with only 500 tons of ballast
in. played bangs from 6 to 8. tomorrow.

Wednesday June 15 (4)

This day, warmer, morning watch packed ship and washed down ship afternoon watch washed paint-work one of the boys Harry had a fit, at night recovered it has got tiresome already.

Thursday June 16 (5)

This day, warm, good wind ~~about~~ all night on our course now morning watch scrubbed paint-work afternoon began scrubbing deck with sand and oil-vase. one of our carpenters of which we have started this trip fell down the hole and took half his ear off.

Harry had another fit this morning have not had a chance to find out where we are yet. I am more homesick this time than before have been planning what I will do when we arrive home there is a Scotchman with us this that reminds me very much of Mr Stewart in every way he was boatswain of J & S Stewart's ship last time. the helpmate made out the trouble for Capt. D. in Friesland was in the wreck of the Rincer with Uncle Sam. I wonder how the war is just at present wish I was in Cuba with Dr. Thomas, time draws near for Kath's graduation wish I was home.

Friday June 17 (6)

Stormy, rained hard all day have been soaked through to the skin all day last night too in all other ways.

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also fore + mizzen top-gallant
and main top-gallant + main top
stayail this afternoon set them
all again to night - from 6 to eight
~~now~~ except royals all the rest of the
day have been sanding down on
hobbs it is hard to write to night
as she is rolling so very tired so
will turn in until 12 o'clock.

Saturday June 18 (7 day)

Fine day and fair wind for the first time.
Morning watch began sanding main click
for my watch. John's shoes carried out at
2 o'clock and sent down in the lazarette
with a pail of water and towel to rub
up blood and wash a nigger's head that
was all cut he was in iron for some
thing I don't know what and to night I
gave him his supper. I am frightened
to death because I think there is trouble
in the wind.

Sunday June 19 (8)

Fine day, fair wind and square yards
one work and to day. Great work around
and broke the hobs off the sailors' knees
so they could not star. There still in
iron in between decks went down
and dressed his head this morning I
have strict orders about watching the
men, washed my room out, sewed
a patch on my pants, took a bath, ~~and~~
shaved my mustache off. Play id on
my bangs read your letters and papers
Nati gave me some oranges. I guess
were for glad when I got home.

(5)

Monday June 20 (9)

Fine day, fair wind, very hot at-
noon. Man still in iron took his
meals to him to day and I think
we will have lots of trouble with
the crew in Honolulu. I think by
the talk they will all run away
and it may be a long time before we
can get another crew. morning watch
scrubbed main deck for scrub, bent
main staysail, mate told me today
that when he called for a hand to do
something I must report just the same
as a seaman now because I am
capable of doing most anything I have
lost the name of Boy now to Arthur.
afternoon watch oiled deck on poop
and washed the outside of ship. It
seems as if I got more seasick
every day. I suppose those Bath papers
and your letters have some thing
to do with it because I look them over
every time I go below.

Tuesday June 21 (10)

Fine day cooler (just right) fair wind.
morning watch washed main deck for
oiling afternoon scrubbed both side of
ship. I have oiled deck 1 hour and
painted both top on starboard side
3 1/2 hours. Capt. told us to take the 3
boys around and show them ropes
from 6 to 8 o'clock. There is a bark
on our starboard bow bound for Fisco
where I turned in, growing fat and strong.
man still in iron

and to night
could sleep and right
and

(6)

Wednesday June 22 11 day out
 Fine day warm morning watch
 painted boot-top on starboard side forward
 afternoon watch cleaning up in hole
 lost my breakfast because I went to
 sleep after F was called. after supper
 played the fangs for one of the riggers
 to dance & sing.

Thursday June 23 (12 day)
 Cloudy day fair wind but very little
 morning washed paint-work on prop
 wheel from 6 to 8 would like to hear
 from the wire and home I think
 we are almost there because the
 clouds are hanging low and around
 still continue to feed man in iron
 afternoon watch from 12.30 to 5.30
 watch cleaned out hole and threw
 tons of wood overboard man taken
 out of iron and sent forward and I
 tell you the riggers had a great
 time singing and dancing to
 night. as I turn in there is a very
 strong breeze blowing.

Friday June 24 13 day
 Fine day and a very good wind morning
 watch worked in hole cleaning up and
 hair on the dog in my watch below
 afternoon watch scraped iron rust from
 water tank between decks. ~~at~~ read
 papers from home from 6 to 8 I wish
 I could get over being home sick & it
 is an awfully awful thing.

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Saturday June 25

14 day

Elegant day fair wind and a good
 one too morning watch washed down
 in my watch below from 8 to 12.30 in
 morning I took my Bath papers up
 on the forecastle head and read them
 over and over for two hours. afternoon
 watch painted water tank and iron
 work around hatches from deck to
 keelson just before I came below
 to night the mate told me to tell the
 lookout to keep a sharp lookout as
 I will not be surprised to see land
 tomorrow or Monday anyway.

Sunday June 26

15 day

The most beautiful day. I even saw bird
 in the afternoon and evening it grew a
 little squally morning watch washed
 the water floor and he gave me two
 pair of tools taught the boys how to tie
 knots and all my letters over again
 would like to know how this war
 is. washed some clothes and did some
 sewing.

Monday June 26

16 day

All day good wind morning watch
 polished brass on Fore, big upper + lower
 yards also fair heads on fore rigging
 afternoon watch cleaned back all over ship

Tuesday June 27

17 and in Port.

Fine day fair wind was called at
 6 bells to look at land cleaned brass
 and was kept up all afternoon watch

dozed at work until after six o'clock but
 did not sleep until after nine o'clock most
 every one of the crew have gone ashore I
 cannot go to night as I have got to keep
 watch. I am to be the detective and watch
 the sailors. Take this trip as a whole it
 was fine I will send this now so you
 will know as soon as possible that I am
 all right and well and hope you will
 be the same. Will send a letter on
 the next mail steamer. Telling you
 all about Honolulu.

Love and
 Yours

Arthur

Also a good report from Gus.

How did Kath get along with her graduation.
 The Pilot said no more here yet from war
 the Monterey and another ship boat are here.
 I like the new boy Charlie very much.
 The other two boys are in the forecabin.
 You can think of me carrying bags of
 flowers sugar for the next three weeks.

From Norfolk Va. to Honolulu H. I.

Sailed

(Signed Dec. 21 '98)

We sailed from Norfolk Va. Wed. Dec. 21 1898 with A. J. Whittier, Master, Mr. Moore mate, Mr. Wilson 2nd Mate, Mr. Hill 3rd Mate Cook and Steward Chinese, Carpenter Jap. and a crew of 18 men mostly Hawaiians. The dog "King" and a small white cat were also on board.

Not writing again. Very homesick.

Thursday Dec. 22

1st day Foggy and rainy day wind increasing worked all day getting things to rights at night shortened sail to 1/2 sails leaving sea

Friday Dec. 23

Course S by E.

homesick

2 day Raining day good wind set the gallant's sails (up) worked cleaning up ship and shorting mate different things Course S by E. Kava go again

Saturday Dec. 24

3 day Cloudy day light wind S.W. worked all most all day. Course S by E. Lat. 8. 35° N Long by D. R. 166° W.

Sunday Dec. 25 Kava.

4 day Cloudy morning watch washed down 4-8 8-12 cleaned iron work bath and tried to sleep but could not so homesick dinner Turkey and fruit and chief afternoon watch 12-4 swined and studied 4-6 played banjo and read over letters from home 6-8 on deck had a talk with the mate and told him that I wanted to learn every thing about navigation that I could this voyage and he very kindly told me he would teach me

Monday Dec. 26 '98 (Xmas. at home.)

5 day Pleasant day on board but very wet on the ship. Plenty of water over the side, the ship is loaded too deep and I think we will have a great time off the shore. Heavy wind all day. morning watch 8-12 got the men to work getting up chafing gear. one of the gallant about carried away. Took in fore & main top gallants also cross jack. 4-6 stood by. to-day has been a very homesick one for me thinking of the jolly time you are all having at home, and you must write me every thing you are had for Xmas. How did poor Aunt-Sue pass the day? Course S.S.E. Lat. 45 Long. 25

Tuesday Dec. 27 '98.

6 day.

Week ending January 15 1899 - 25 days out.

Now that we have got most everything in running order I will keep up my log again. In the first place I will say that I like the Capt. and mate very much the second mate my room mate is 70 years old and very cross and fussy and can tell more lies and sea stories than any of the sailors. I like the Steward very much we are great friends he gave me a box of Manila cigars (100) for a new years present. The crew is very bad indeed I cannot understand English. They are all Germans split 4 out of 18. taken from a steam boat in Baltimore so you see I have a very

hard time with them as I have charge of all the work in the port watch.

My navigation in progressing I took the sun and worked out the days work to day with very little of the mates assistance.

The weather has been very good ever since we left and we got across the line without any calm and are now in the S.E. trades we passed the La. Fernando Nov. Is. the same as last time at eight o'clock last night (Sat. Jan. 14)

Lat. $3^{\circ}50'30''$ S. Long. $32^{\circ}25'30''$ W. to day we have sighted several steamers but have not spoken any yet. We have had a great deal of rain and I have been very busy washing and sewing so I have not got a dirty or holey thing to day. very hot. Food very well and full fare the steward has just brought in some lemonade with a dash of claret in it for me to drink to night with my lunch. Had a hair cut to day Lat. 5° S. Long. 33° W.

Monday Jan. 16

26 day

Fine day hot steady breeze morning watch washed down got up all the hawsers from below to dry, sent down and cleared main lower top sail brace block. 12-5-30 cleaned brace blocks fore + aft. 6-8 got every thing ready to tack ship when we sight a light on the main land of South America close to Pernambuco

Tuesday Jan. 17

27 day

Fine day very hot. good wind wind hauled a little so did not have to tack ship. morning watch 8-12 worked aloft on fore mast overhauling blocks, came from 4-6 6-8 (3) steamers passed us, played bays

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have
it
sailed
since
it
left
by
5.30

and studied

28th Day. Wednesday Jan. 18

Fine day. Good wind, very hot. morning watch 4-8 washed down, pumped ship, bent new cap fit, and cleaned fore royal about-blower.

watch below stowed in new oil skins and stored in 2 rooms. 12-5 worked all on fore royal. observed yards on Rocks. spoke American steam bark bound to Baltimore. There is also a big ship to windward perhaps the Cherokee or St. David. 6-8 sweated up and pumped ship.

29th Day. Thursday Jan. 19

Fine day, no wind and very hot. morning watch 8-12 oiled decks. afternoon tightened fore royal and top gallant stays and cleaned screws. ship still in our company I think she is an English ship. Lat: 14°S Long 34°W

30th Day. Friday Jan. 20

Fine day and very very hot. our first calm. There are 4 ships out in a row to day ours the last by about 2 miles now for a race. morning 4-8 washed down and worked around deck. afternoon pulled braces the entire watch shortened fore + main top gallant sheets 6-8 pulled braces very tired at night.

31st Day. Saturday Jan. 21

Fine day light wind very hot. morning 8-12 painted screws on

missin rigging, 3 men working on new
missin top-gallant sail other employed in
cleaning screws on fore rigging. afternoon bent
new fore sail and upper & lower main
top sails. had lots of sport catching dolphins
from 6 to 7 to day we are away behind in
the race other ships can just be seen from
stagnant yard very tired at night.

³² day Sunday January 22 1899

Pleasant day good breeze morning washed
down, very hot day had to keep wetting decks
during day so hot we passed one ship in
the race and have come up to the second one
at night other about 5 miles ahead passed 2
homeward bound

³³ day Monday January 23

Fine weather, good wind, very hot morning
8-12 worked splicing rope and odd jobs afternoon
12-3 bent new fore upper & lower top sails also
missin upper top sail. we are to night in
the lead of the race by about 2 miles ahead
of the French ship (4 master). very homeward ^{to day}

³⁴ day Tuesday Jan. 24

Fine morning, 4-8 light wind, washed
down and rose new fore braces, afternoon
calm until 4 o'clock then wind hauled ahead
very strong until 7 o'clock with rain French
ship passed in the morning the English
still way behind. bent new fore & main
top gallant sails also shrouds.

³⁵ day Wednesday Jan. 25

Cloudy day, good wind, very hot, morning
8-12 took main capstan apart and cleaned
and oiled it got up 1 bbl of molasses and

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6

vinegar 1 bbl. sugar, 1 bbl. flour and
 bread. afternoon 4-6 landed anchors
 and went muzzin top gallant sail
 caught fish after supper. the three
 ships are all abreast each other
 to night. French $\frac{1}{4}$ mile ahead then
 Argon. English $\frac{1}{4}$ mile behind
 Thursday Jan. 26 Lat. 27° S Long 43° W

Wed. night or last night from 8-12
 was fine moonlight. 12-4 began to
 cloud up in the South with sharp
 lightning and at 4 o'clock all hands
 on deck to shorten sail when a
 Pompero wave broke upon us then
 came as we call a cyclone or
 hurricane and I never saw it blow
 so hard before for 2 hours took in
 every sail except sprit lower top
 sails and I tell you it was a looking
 thing we were not dismayed.
 worked all forenoon setting sails again.
 the rest of the day was fine weather
 afternoon worked muzzing new fruit
 line.

37 day. Friday Jan 27 Lat. 30° S. Long 43° W
 Fine day good wind, a little cooler
 worked both watches putting up
 new running gear both ships
 are behind us to day about 20
 miles.

38 day. Sat. Jan 28
 Cloudy day head wind heading
 4 hours off course landed ship
 at noon worked putting up

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now mending gear. and cleaning up
for Sunday.

³⁹Day Sunday Jan. 29

Fine day good wind on our course
again W.S.W. took sail to day with Capt.
W. he was very good about explaining. read,
skipped, shaved, took bath, sewed, & played
rump in evening. the weather is beginning to
grow colder now. wish I had stayed home
now I could have just as much as here. I
am very much disappointed and down hearted to
day. Lat. 32° S. Long. 48° W.

⁴⁰Day Monday Jan. 30. 1899

Cloudy day, head wind. morning 4-8 washed
down and bent new main royal afternoon
12-5-30 bent main staysail also fore staysail
and main chutes (Cape Horn sail) some new
fore upper brace, took down signal gaff for
repair passed aback at noon o'clock. morn-
ing wind with a strong fair wind at
night wind increasing with sharp lightning
now down to leeward. homeick

⁴¹Days Tuesday Jan. 31 1899

Pleasant day very strong wind (head) morning
8-12. worked down fore hole cleaning up. took in
staysails, royals, top gallants sails, jib top sail
sparker and flying jib. afternoon 4-6 began
lashing, very heavy wind and sea. began to
see Cape Horn birds to day but on heavy under
clothes to day had to eat supper on the floor
to night - could not keep in our chairs
now for a bad night. Lat. 35° Long. 45° W.

⁴²days Wed. Feb. 1 1899

Pleasant day colder head wind tacked ship

at noon, morning washed down / took
made tops and served flying jib
shut, afternoon set all sails again
except staysails wind and sea going
down made a set of reef crings and
worked aloft running everything for
bad weather.

43rd day Thursday Feb. 2

Fine day last night - calm all night -
with a long heavy roll to day strong
fair wind just the thing to take
in around horn if it will only
last. morning 8-12 worked on wire
hanks for top sail preventer lashings
afternoon 4-6 put up 2 on fore upper
top sail 6-8 spent one hour in hoisting
horse could not pull them in as the
ship was going to fast - I struck two
played banjo and studied. Lat: 37° S Long 47° W

44th day Friday Feb. 3.

Fine day. calm most all day worked
moving new gear and making reef
crings. Lat 39° S.

45th day Saturday Feb. 4.

Storm last night at 12 "All hands
on deck, shorten sail" when I got
out I found it a very dark night
raining hard sharp lightning and
blowing a gale took in every sail
except lower top sails worked all rest
of night. today wind blowing a gale
ruled shaker and fore sail and
set chumier but took them in
again and about the heaviest sea

9th washed down
blinds last night.
10th. I was so mad.

9th

I have ever seen I can hardly write this as the ship is rolling so, I tell you we have to keep smart so as not to be washed overboard it is awful just at present we can see that four masted ship up to wind and that has been in our company as long. We have got Cape Horn weather for sure how bad wind to us we had to tack ship at noon I have made 3 changes in clothes since this morning and now I am soaking wet I should like to be home just at present I am really afraid I will go overboard at as I have to be in the middle of it all, good night I will now lay and get 1 1/2 hrs sleep.

46
day

Sunday Feb. 5 1899

The storm is in its fury and Oh! such a sea it is not safe to walk the length of the main deck but we have to just the same last night we ran all night with lower top sails this morning it looked bright and stopped raining so we set fore sail reefed also main upper top sail after six o'clock in evening it cleared off and wind and sea went down quick set all sails except staysails during night. Lat. 38° 5' lost one degree

47
day

Monday Feb. 6 1899

Fine day good wind going almost on our course now little colder warmer morning 8-12 now run fore upper top sail halcyards and cleared up my locker in lazarette afternoon 4-6 sweated up and got out a bbl of tar, flour and bread 6-8. mad and slid.

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⁴⁸
days
out and
were at
cape horn
last year
Tuesday Feb. 7
Pleasant day, no wind, cold at night
the work now is almost done until
we get around the horn nothing
but cleaning and odd jobs.

⁴⁹
days
Wed. Feb. 8
Pleasant, light head wind tack
ship every little while squall in
afternoon took in staysails royals
main sail and cross jib for the
sail and main top gallant stay sail
it did not amount to any thing
so set sails again "Rage" has lost
of fun every time it rains catching
rats every time it rains that come
out on deck to drink. Lat: 42 S Long
57° W

⁵⁰ th
day
Thursday Feb 9
Pleasant day calm morning 4-8
washed down and tacked ship
finished our potatoes, afternoon
12-4 cleaned up store room
and lazaret sailors had got into
store room and stolen our goods
6-8 light wind with lightning up
to windward It is getting the same
now we have not made any
headway south now for a long
time what we have made being
about W. by S. or S.W.

⁵¹
day
Friday Feb. 10
Pleasant day light wind calm all
night morning 8-12 put up
lower topsail lifts in fore main & miz.

and made new fore sheet afternoon 4-6
 spliced rope and made coverings what
 wind we had to day was fair but
 pulled ahead at seven o'clock Lat: 44° 5' Long 60° 4'
 kept a sharp lookout for land at night
 I think it must be the main land or
 one of the Is.

52
 day 2

Saturday Feb. 11

Cloudy day, no wind morning 4-6 washed
 down, sweated up, and made coverings &
 tops, afternoon 12:30-4. I was aloft all the
 afternoon having a last look at the rigging
 before going around the corner.

53
 day 2

Sunday Feb. 12

Fine day strong wind going on our course,
 cold, snow, took bath, shaved, took sun all
 alone and came out just right with the
 mate Lat: 48° 34' S. Long 61° 00' W.

54
 day 2

Monday Feb. 13

Fine day strong wind off our course 2 points
 morning 4-8 washed down, and worked
 aloft. afternoon 12-4 but after hours of
 chafing, got up on fore rigging took in
 sky sails royals jib topsail main top gallant
 stay sail and mizzen top gallant the
 latter's sheet carried away, fixed sheet,
 and hauled head sails out, 6-8
 set all sails again except sky sails
 fine new moon Lat: 50° S Long 62° 00' W. ^{new moon}

55
 day 2

Tuesday Feb. 14

Fine day, cold, no wind, morning 8-12 put
 up Jacob's ladder on fore mast started a wire
 pulant for main top mast stay sail sheet
 began to rain at six. 6-8 cast into

12

came in and I showed him my
 pet pictures he was very much
 amused at the Makado pictures.
 played bangs for him he sang and
 played for me - now I have got to
 go out in the cold rain for 4 long
 hours the time does seem so long
 when there is no wind Oh? we
 saw some very large seals to
 day and I never saw so many
 many albatrosses Lat. 5° S Long. 63° W

5th day Wednesday Feb. 15

Fine day, light wind. Last night we
 had a heavy squall and all hands
 on deck at 11.30 to tack ship we
 ran very near one of the Falkland Is.

Station
 Is an out-look and main land on the
 other and to day at 1.30 ~~at~~ sighted Staten
 Is. at the time of writing (8 o'clock) we

Station
 Land are just opposite the light-house and
 saw them light the light we have got
 a head wind for going ~~to~~ around but
 it is calm now not even a swell

and it
 does
 look
 so
 there is a ship just ahead under lower
 top sails while we have our sky sails
 set it is very cold but no snow on the
 mountains. a volcano in action

plenty birds, fish and seals & whales
 no polar bears as yet keeping a good
 look out for icebergs. to night the
 weather looks fine and if it keeps
 as we shall be off the Horn tomorrow
 night but I think it is just
 getting ready for a blow. Lat. 54° S Long 63° W

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57 days Thursday Feb. 16

Cape Horn Fine day, fair wind, not very cold, sky sails on. we have had a fair wind all day but now (7.30) it is calm with a beautiful sun set and Cape Horn just a few miles ahead on our weather bow and can see the eastern side of South America running north for miles such mountains you never saw and so barren with snow covered peaks. The wind has drawn ahead during the last hour but still on our course we will have a head wind as soon as we get around but I hope it will not come on a blow as it did before and keep us here two or three weeks (time will tell) that bark we saw last night way ahead is now way behind I suppose we will see quite a number in the next few days. I am very well have had no rheumatism or any thing since we left Norfolk. I should like to hear from you all at home just now and know if you are the same

~~scribbled out text~~

~~scribbled out text~~ if I get a chance you can tell what will come by that time in this

Lat.

Lat. 55° S. Long 67° W. Course S.S.W.

58 days Friday Feb. 17

(2) This is Cape Horn weather now notice I came on deck at eight last night and it was clear as a crystal light breeze and not

and heading. W.S.W.
 a bit cold. 8 1/5 look in sky sails
 still clear 8 30 look in rigging
 passing squall, 8 45 going East-
 for Station Sa. just as fast - or
 hard as we can go with a
 stiff breeze. 9 o'clock thick foggy
 little wind E by S. came at 12.
 4th morning look in rigging to
 galeant: jib to sail, cross gale
 wind increasing. plenty of ships
 homeward bound on going over
 way. Tacked ship at night - shortened
 down to reefed top sails heavy sea
 and rain very cold.

59 Days Saturday Feb. 18

Stormy day no work stand by
 all day very heavy squalls sea
 running very high at topmasts in
 afternoon worked from 6 to 12 at
 night taking in and reefing sails
 lower top sails all night - Oh! I
 just enjoy this if it was not so
 cold at night and we were
 making some headway. going
 S by E all day & night - Lat. 57° S

60 day Sunday Feb. 19

Storm still continues, at 1 o'clock
 fore sail, ship rolling her rails
 under. Lots of fun eating our
 meals to day I find it the best
 way to sit on the floor with your
 back to the wall. wind not so
 strong at present. very cold.

⁶¹
 Days Monday Feb. 20

Fine day light-wind in forenoon going S by W. afternoon calm but a very heavy swell very sail set from 8¹⁵/₁₂ fair wind increasing all the time rain at 10 took in sky sails, main top gallant staysail, jib top sail, mizzen royal sheet-carried away, all hands on deck at 4 reefed and set fore & main top sails and main sail furled top gallant's cross jack & mizzen top sail.

⁶²
 Days Tuesday Feb. 21

Today I have seen what you call a gale and I never want to see one again, and I will never forget the cry "man overboard" all hands on deck all day from 4 in the morning till eight at night we shortened sail to fore & main lower top sails and we expected to see those go any minute we lashed shik in the middle of it and then came the fun the sea was mountain high. I was forward got some oil to put overboard and missed the best chance of being washed overboard it was then I heard the cry "man overboard" and Oh! such noise and yelling I did not have to exert my self getting there I was picked up by a sea from over the bow and carried the whole length of the ship to where the mate and to men were hanging in the lee rigging where they had caught him aloft and just as I picked my self up unluckily I saw a sailor coming in from over the side

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with a short rope and in his hand
and I will never forget his face.
I will tell you all about it - when I
get home you will not believe it - when
I tell you I saw the whole carpenter
shop and also the gale coming out
the the the door and, tools, lathe,
grindstone and every thing more of
them were lost. 1 foot of water in room
nothing carried away except monkey
gaff. every one voted a good, strong
ship. very tired, cold and
wet and I must stop and get
some sleep. we can do no more
to the ship now but let her go.

63
day 2 Wed. Feb. 22

squally all day wind and sea
sea all went down quick set all
sails up. sky rain shut the
day clearing up after the storm
and find a good deal of small
damage. we are now opposite the
Diego Ramirez Is. with a good wind
(royal in) going N.W. by W and if
the wind holds we will get out of
this weather in no time.

64
day 2 Thursday Feb. 23.

Stormy day, backed ship last night
to go outside of Diego Ramirez Is.
backed ship again at 4 this morning
and again at 8. again at 4 this
afternoon rain and fog all day
passed the ship would and found
also one going our way and

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meaning took in main sail shortened down to top sails. expect another gale going a good course now W by W
 our main got his nose broken to day by the clew of the cross gale flying while taking it in. have had all things on for about two weeks very tired take in and set sails tack ship and to pull your life from morning till night and Oh! such stupid sailors.

65 day. Friday Feb 24

Stormy day tacked ship three times to day and made the Diego Ramany twice heavy sea and wind, all hands on deck twice rain + very cold.

66 day Saturday. Feb. 25.

Our first pleasant day for a long time going S.S.W with all sails set except staysails, no work, stood by.

67 day Sunday, Feb 26.

Stormy day, thick fog all day reefed top gallants at 3.30, wind shifted and took us all aback, all hands on deck, tacked ship, going W. N. W. 6 o'clock looked very bad, took in sails down to top sails and reefed main sail. very homisick to day

68 day Lat 58°S 70° west Monday, Feb. 27.

It was a fine moonlight night and a very good day until 4 o'clock in afternoon then we shortened sail down to reefed

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top sails and reefed fore
 sail heavy wind & sea
 all night with a cold
 rain. Tacked ship twice
 69 day Tuesday Feb. 28.

Stormy - squally rainy and
 cold all day going S. S. W.
 no work except work ship
 fished for albatross bad
 looking night. Steward sick
 abed with asthma

70 day Wed. March 1.

Last night turned out to be
 a fine moonlight night
 with a few squalls and heavy
 wind & sea. under reefed
 top sails this morning it
 cleared off and we began to
 set sails and to night we
 have all sails set except
 royals & sky sails and a good
 wind going N. W. by W.

a ship in sight going
 the same way. now
 hope we will get clear of
 bad weather on this tack
 have not done any study-
 ing now for 3 weeks and
 I am anxious to begin
 again. began to scrape
 off the old paint to day
 Lat. 57 S. Long 72° W.

19

~~71~~ days Thure day. March 2. 1899.

One year to day I was writing in sight of Cape Horn, to day I am just a little further off I am called now on deck to shorten sail. looks very bad. Oh! dear.

102 days Easter Sunday. April 2. 1899.

This is a fine day and I hope you are all as happy to day at home as I am here after all that I have gone through. with in the last month this is my first chance really to write for one month. Well I will write just what I can remember. In the first place we were just one month around Cape Horn before we had one pleasant day with a head wind all the time and storm after storm we were 3 times under for lower topsails and did not dare take that in for fear of losing it in doing it the seas we had were something awful we had our starboard bulwarks smashed in and the after part of the forward house crushed completely in wrecking the galleys and my old room seams opened in deck and forward cabin filling the water and my room with water several times every thing in the carpenters shop was washed out including the carpenter him self and lots of tools lost, several parts of our rigging were carried away but nothing serious.

20.

the mate told me that he had
 been in some ships that would
 have gone to the bottom long
 ago and it was a good thing
 that we are in a good strong
 ship, I tell you the Capt has
 looked worried more than once
 I tell you last voyage was
 perfect compared with this. I
 had a bad hand again in the
 worst part of all this but did
 not lose any time, I could do
 my work with one hand and
 my mouth all right and just
 as that right hand was getting
 well I had a sort of fall on
 my little finger of my left hand
 and have lost half of the nail
 then to finish with all this trouble
 the second mate was taken down
 sick and is now in bed just
 between life and death, it is a
 wonder he is alive now and even
 now we don't expect to get him
 alive, and I have had all the care
 of him, he has lumbago and has
 suffered something, awful has
 been out of his head for almost
 a week, has tried to commit
 suicide twice, one I found
 him in the night just coming
 out of the cabin with a big
 piece of iron tied around his
 neck all ready to jump over

I am
 made
 up mate
 (acting)

bound and we had hard work to get him back, he has had to have some body watch him all the time. I have had all the care of him. Yesterday I lifted him out of his berth (he cannot stand) and gave him a bath and his bed clothes, etc. he would frighten you to look at him well one week ago last Thursday (Mar.) the mate told me to go below he had had enough of me in his watch and the Capt wanted me to take charge of the Starboard watch so now I am just what I said I would be before I got home again, remember I have got along fairly so far in handling the ship and in my work the sailors like me first rate and seem willing to work as I heard one of them say "I just like to be told what to do and go and do it and not have ~~have~~ the mate standing swearing at me all the time" we have got all the sails bent now and are half through scraping aloft. we are not going to touch the white paint going out only the iron work aloft I take the ~~sun~~ now just as well as any body understand the sailing of a ship very well, the Capt. has only been on deck once in the night time since I have been keeping watch and watch with the mate and that was to look at the log. I passed a ship

22

Home ward bound the other night I amuse my self catching rats in the night time. I made a trap just the same as a squirrel trap and caught eight the first night. The dog killed them all. He catches 5+6 every night besides what I catch in the trap the hold is full of them, they come on deck for water. The mate likes me and trusts me to do most any thing he has not spoken one cross word to me so far.

We are going to have a long passage this time and I hope you will not be worried. I suppose you will be looking for my arrival any time now.

Oh! how I would like to be home to day. It is just elegant weather to day a little hot but a good cool breeze + plenty of flying fish every body is washing their clothes today (we had a shower last night) we have had no fights or blood shed so far every thing running smooth my ambition now is to go home as 2nd mate on the ships

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articles and you can bet I am working hard for it. to day I find we are in Lat 18 33 S Long 106° W and 102 days out and a long way to go yet.

103 days Monday April 3

Log 4-8 morning - light easterly winds var. from one to two points with squalls + sail course at 12-4-6- W by N. 6-8- W.N.W. set jibs + stay sails
4 crew employed scraping on main mast cleaning screws on starboard mizzen rigging and stripping chafing gear from mizzen afternoon 11.30-5.30 steady wind (East) crew employed covering mizzen rigging screws and scraping got up bbl buf. Second mate not as well to night. 6-8 wind steady. pumped ship had a long talk with Capt. W. I like him very much he is beginning to help me now. am reading Florida Enchantment when I get time. I must do some washing to morrow some how or let my boy do it. Lat 1° S Long 91° W Course W

104 days Tuesday Apr. 4

Log 12-4 middle watch wind steady stronger
4-21 Course W - Morning watch 8-12
8 wind steady Course W. crew scraping + cleaning
12-14 main rigging screws. afternoon 4-6 oiled main yards 8-12 wind varying squalls with rain Lat- Long

105 days

Wed. Apr. 5 2nd mate the same Morning watch 4-8 wind varying squally, with rain got things ready for tarring down worked on main top mast back stays clearing screws going W

24.

afternoon 12.30 - 5.30 wind steady
light rain squally, oiled main
yard spanker boom. tarred
muzzie rigging + covered
main rigging screws. heavy
squall at 6 - 6-8 squally
going N. W. by W. Pumped ship -
Lat 16° S. Long 115° W. Sec. mate same

106
day

Thursday, April 6

Middle watch 12-4 very squally
and much rain wind steady from
S.E. Course W.S.W. Morning watch 8.12
wind steady finished main rigging screws
scrapped capstan. rose new royal buttons

put new rat lines on main rigging

4-8 put on bad weather braces away
and cleaned up lazarette. 2nd mate a
little better today Lat 15° 05 Long

Course N.W. by W. Shift of wind at
noon from N.E. but hauled back
again from 6-8, squally but a good
shift to size. 8-12

107
day

Friday April 7. 1899

123

Sunday April 23

days

I know you will not like it because
I have not kept up my log every
day but honestly I have not had
time I am on deck all of my spare
time now except to sleep and I tell
you that is very little I have so
many things to look out for
and I have got along so well
that I am really proud of my

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self but I have not got to the height
 of my ambition yet by any means.
 I have only had to call the Capt on
 deck once and that was for a
 heavy squall. I knew what to do
 all right but he told me to call
 him if I was uncertain about
 any thing. we have been working
 cleaning ship the last two and three
 weeks, we will not do any painting
 except iron work or stowing until
 our return trip, we ought to arrive
 the last of this week we have
 had a good strong wind since we
 crossed the line and no calms on
 the line. I work my navigation
 every day and do first rate. to day
 we are $15^{\circ}18'N.$ $144^{\circ}42'W$ and
 have got to go $21^{\circ}N.$ $157^{\circ}W$. Last
 Thursday the ship sprung a leak so
 we have to pump ship every hour
 as the water wont gain on us. I
 suppose that will detain us some in
 Honolulu. Second mate failing every
 day and it is still doubtful if we
 carry him in alive, Oh! my dog
 "Rags" died last Thursday night. I think
 the rats poisoned him he killed a
 great number every night. I miss him
 very much. I have got a tame rat
 (tell Dayton) now to take Rags place. I dont
 mind the rats so much if they would
 only keep out of my berth nights
 times I have moved back in my old

Private.

26.

room. I did not think it was healthy to be with the second mate. Every thing has gone along smoothly so far, no trouble of any kind what so ever. I have seen no ships or land. I expect to get lots of ^{good} news and letters on my arrival and looking forward to my second visit home. I am very well and strong.

124
days

Monday April 24

Fine day, good wind cleaning paint and getting ready for port.

127
days

Thursday Apr 27

Fine day, good wind sighted the Is of Man at day light expect to get in to night. Later 4 o'clock wind all gone and Honolulu in sight cant get in unless we get a little more wind. Six o'clock opposite Honolulu. Pilot wont come out, too late, will go in first thing in the morning.

Friday April 28.

Arrived in port and dropped anchors. Looks just the same only there are so many ships in here ahead of us we will have to be here 3 months.

Well I am safe again in port and was so glad to get so much and so good news from home. I will have to close now so this will go in the first

mail steamer

Love to all

Arthur

Arthur Log